

Pre-visit Activities - Activity I



Materials Provided

Photographs DBQ's

Activity I – DBO's

Teacher Key: (The same questions are found with the photographs for the student hand-outs).

Document Based Questions – Photographs

Ask the students to examine the photographs and answer the following questions. The questions can be printed on the back of each photo for teaching purposes. Follow up with a class discussion comparing and contrasting now from then.

Photograph #1: Franklin D. Roosevelt As a young Boy – 1884.

How is Franklin dressed?

Is he dressed differently than a young boy would dress today? Why?

Why do you think he had long hair?

Do you think his dog was happy riding in the double sidesaddle?

Based on this picture try to describe the place where Franklin grew up.

Did he grow up in the city, on a farm, or in the suburbs? Explain your answer.

Photograph #2: Franklin D. Roosevelt with his dog – 1885.

Where do you think this picture was taken?

How is Young Franklin dressed?

Does FDR look like an obedient child?

Do you think his parents were strict in disciplining him?

Did Franklin have a lot of animals when he was growing up?

Photograph #3: Franklin D. Roosevelt

This was Franklin's pony; can you guess its name?

With whom do you think Franklin would ride his pony with?

Do you think he was a good rider?

Do you think many children his same age had their own ponies? Why or why not?

What kind of a home do you think Franklin grew up in?

Photograph #4: FDR's Grandfather, Warren Delano, with his grandchildren including FDR. – 1897.

Which child in the picture is Franklin?

What kind of things did they do at family gatherings? Could they have eaten food, played games, danced, or had sing-a-longs?

What kind of sports do you think he played, (golf, tennis)?

Photograph #4: FDR's Grandfather, Warren Delano, with his grandchildren including FDR. – 1897.

Which child in the picture is Franklin?

What kind of things did they do at family gatherings? Could they have eaten food, played games, danced, or had sing-a-longs?

What kind of sports do you think he played, (golf, tennis)?

Do you think FDR enjoyed large family gatherings?

Photograph #5: FDR's Mother, Sara Roosevelt, with the family dog.

Where do you think this picture was taken?

How is Mrs. Roosevelt dressed? Why is she dressed this way?

Do you think Mrs. Roosevelt played an important role in running Springwood,

the family estate?

Do you think she was strict with young Franklin?

What kind of a person do you think Mrs. Roosevelt was?

How did she expect FDR to behave?

Photograph #6: FDR as a grown man.

Where do you think this photograph was taken?

What do you think FDR is doing?

Do you think this was important to him?

What stands out to you in this photograph?

What can you learn about FDR from this picture?





Franklin D. Roosevelt as a young Boy – 1884

Document Based Questions:

Ask students to examine the photograph and answer the following questions.

How is Franklin dressed?

Is he dressed differently than a young boy would be dressed today? Why?

Why do you think he had long hair?

Do you think his dog was happy riding in the double sidesaddle?

Based on this picture try to describe the place where Franklin grew up. Did he grow up in the city, on a farm, or in the suburbs? Explain your answer.



Franklin D. Roosevelt with his dog – 1885

Document Based Questions:

Ask students to examine the photograph and answer the following questions.

Where do you think this picture was taken?

How is Young Franklin dressed?

Does FDR look like an obedient child?

Do you think his parents were strict in disciplining him?

Do you think Franklin had a lot of animals when he was growing up?



Franklin D. Roosevelt on his pony

Document Based Questions:

Ask students to examine the photograph and answer the following questions.

This was Franklin's pony; can you guess its name?

With whom do you think Franklin would ride his pony?

Do you think he was a good horseback rider?

Do you think many children his same age had their own ponies? Why or why not?

What kind of a home do you think Franklin grew up in?





FDR's Grandfather, Warren Delano, with his grandchildren including **FDR - 1897**

Document Based Questions:

Ask students to examine the photograph and answer the following questions.

Which child in the picture is Franklin?

What kind of things did they do at family gatherings? Would they have eaten food, played games, danced, or had sing-a-longs?

Do you think FDR enjoyed large family gatherings?

What kind of sports do you think he played, (golf, tennis)?



Photograph #5



FDR's Mother, Sara Roosevelt, with the family dog

Document Based Questions:

Ask students to examine the photograph and answer the following questions.

Where do you think this picture was taken?

How is Mrs. Roosevelt dressed? Why is she dressed this way?

Do you think Mrs. Roosevelt played an important role in running Springwood, the family estate?

Do you think she was strict with young Franklin?

What kind of a person do you think Mrs. Roosevelt was?

How did she expect FDR to behave?





FDR as a grown man

Document Based Questions:

Ask students to examine the photograph and answer the following questions.

Where do you think this photograph was taken?

What do you think FDR is doing?

Do you think this was important to him?

What stands out for you in this photograph?

What can you learn about FDR from this picture?